



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold a public meeting of the full Committee and Subcommittees from May 16, 2023 to May 18, 2023. The Committee will provide updates on the charges related to *Cyclospora cayetanensis* in produce and *Cronobacter* spp. in Powdered Infant Formula.

DATES: The full Committee will hold an in-person and virtual public meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Subcommittees on *Cyclospora cayetanensis* in produce and on *Cronobacter* spp. in Powdered Infant Formula will hold concurrent Subcommittee meetings on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 1 to 5 p.m., as well as on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, and Thursday, May 18, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., respectively. The deadline to register to provide verbal comments is May 8, 2023.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit written comments on the *Cyclospora cayetanensis* in produce and on the *Cronobacter*

spp. in Powdered Infant Formula charges. The deadline to submit comments is May 8, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the USDA South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. Room locations will be provided the day of the meeting. Virtual attendees will be provided details on how to access the full Committee and Subcommittee meetings upon registration.

In-person attendees must show valid photo identification and will be required to pass through the security screening systems and escorted to the respective conference rooms. Please allow adequate time for this process.

Attendance is free. Attendees must pre-register at <https://ems8.intellor.com/?do=register&t=1&p=847719>. FSIS requests that those interested in providing public comments at the May 16, 2023, full Committee session indicate this when registering. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. FSIS will do its best to accommodate all registered persons who request to provide verbal comments at the plenary meeting.

Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- Or Courier-Delivered Submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2023-0014. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 937-4272 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Agenda: FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting date and post it on FSIS' website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/news-events/events-meetings>.

Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change and sessions could end earlier or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend this meeting or participate in the public comment period.

The official transcript of the May 16, 2023 Committee meeting, when it becomes available, will also be posted on FSIS'

website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/news-events/events-meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kristal Southern, USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 1128, Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202)937-4171 or Email: NACMCF@usda.gov.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Dr. Southern by May 5, 2023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available on FSIS' website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/advisory-committees/national-advisory-committee-microbiological-criteria-foods-nacmcf>. The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of

epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Departments of Commerce and Defense. The Committee reports to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Under Secretary for Food Safety, the Committee's Chair, and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Committee's Vice-Chair. Currently, Dr. José Emilio Esteban, Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Dr. Susan T. Mayne, Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Dr. Kristal Southern, FSIS, is the Director of the NACMCF Secretariat and Designated Federal Officer.

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